

Anaconda Historic District
Anaconda Standard Building
219-221 Main Street
Anaconda
Deer Lodge County
Montana

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Date: 1889

Location: 219-221 Main Street

Architect/ Builder: Unknown

Owner: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Significance: The Standard building was erected by Marcus Daly in 1887 to serve as the home for the Anaconda Standard newspaper, first published in September of that year. The original three-story building consisted of dressed stone and brick, with an elegant facade of fluted cast iron columns at the first level and large brick arched windows at the second story. Sections of the original windows, now brick infilled, remain visible on the south side of the building facing Third Street. The oak finished interior offices of the Standard building originally housed the editorial offices and press room for the newspaper on the ground floor. Additional second floor offices were leased to the Water Company, the Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company and the Electric Light Company. A broad hall also at this level served as the official City Council chambers prior to the erection of City Hall in 1895. Under the subsequent ownership of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, the Standard Building continued to be used as office space. The roof line and facade were altered in the 1940's. By 1950 the building had been completely remodeled to provide recreational facilities for the Anaconda Company Employee's Club, formally opened on September 24th that year. The existing tile facade at the west and south sides date from the 1950 renovation. In 1964, the Standard Building was purchased by the local B.P.O.E. and again remodeled to suit this organization functions. The Elks Club occupies the building today.

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